THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Shri Mahan Singh was in service from 28-4-1931 to February 1960 as Non-Combatant Enrolled and he was re-employed from February 1960 to 27-4-1972 as temporary Supervisor Technical in lieu of Combatant. He was not confirmed in the civilian post.

(c) The terms and conditions attached to the appointment of Shri Mahan Singh as Non-Combatant (Enrolled) did not envisage payment of pension to him. He was paid a sum of Rs. 3470.67 as gratuity on his retirement as NC(E) in 1960. Thereafter, his re-employment as Supervisor Technical on temporary basis against the post meant for Combatants was subject to the condition that his services would be terminated as and when a regular incumbent became available. Therefore, he was not confirmed. During his re-employment he was contributing to IOWPF (a contributory provident fund) and he was paid Rs. 6738/- by way of final settlement of his PF account including govt. contribution and bonus at the time of his retirement in 1972. As he was contributing to IOWPF he was not eligible for gratuity or pension.

(d) The posts of Supervisor Technical were converted into regular civilian posts *w.e.f.* 1-4-1974 and as a result, such persons who were in service as Supervisor Technical on 1-4-1974 and there after, became eligible for confirmation and grant of pensionary benefits.

Upgradation of Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences at Hyderabad

1708. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government have upgraded the Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad into a super speciality hospital and declared it a deemed University by legislature;

(b) if so, the amount of funds proposed to be contributed by the Central Government for this upgradation programme; and

(c) whether the Central Government would treat this project on par with PGI at Chandigarh and JIPMER at Pondicherry for allocating funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No such information is available with Government of India.

(b) No funds have been provided by the Central Government for this.

(c) No, Sir.

Harassment of SC Employees in Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi

1709. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints of harassment of Scheduled Caste employees of Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur Nursing Mahavidyalaya, New Delhi as reported in the 'Veer Arjun' of 4th February, 1989, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether any remedial steps have been taken; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Government have seen the news-item appeared in the "Veer Arjun" of 4th February, 1989. wherein allegations of harassment of Safai Karamcharies belonging to Scheduled Caste Community by the management of Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur college of Nursing, New Delhi have been made.

(b) and (c) The allegations have been looked into and it has been found that harassment to Safai Kadamcharies on the basis of caste has been attributed by